

Labor Committee

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Support for SB 63

*Testimony of a worker without paid sick days:*

I would like to emphasize the importance of paid sick days. I have been working as a truck driver for the past three years without paid sick days. I ask my legislators to pass a bill that would give me the benefit of earning a minimum amount of paid sick days per year, for emergencies. Everyone gets sick, it is going to happen, this will be a safety net for workers, usually low income workers who need it the most.

I try not to miss a day of work, because paying the bills and keeping up with daily living expenses isn't easy in this economy. So when I get so I go to work anyway. It is very difficult going in to work while sick. I wish I could stay home to get better with rest to make a faster recovery. But instead I have to go to work and be less productive than if I was healthy because I can't afford to miss a day's pay.

Many low wage workers go for years paid sick days are suffering the consequences of falling behind on bills or getting sicker because their employers won't let them earn their sick days. Please make this issue on of your top priorities so that we can have a little bit more security in our lives.

Thank you,

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